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CITY OF GLENDALE CONTINUES TO SUPPORT WEST VALLEY RESORT AND CASINO DEVELOPMENT AS ESTIMATED FEDERAL COURT COSTS FOR POTENTIAL LITIGATION COULD REACH \$1 BILLION MARK FOR U.S. TAXPAYERS

GLENDALE, Ariz. -- Today, the Congressional Budget Office determined that proposed federal legislation to halt the Tohono O'odham Nation's casino-resort project at 95th Ave. and Northern Ave. could leave the federal government liable for more than \$1 billion in potential compensation payments to the Nation -- compensation that ultimately would be paid for by U.S. taxpayers.

Additionally, passage of the proposed legislation, H.R. 308/S. 152, results in a loss of \$1.4 million in annual direct revenue to the city of Glendale. The legislation would also take away more than a thousand existing construction jobs, as well as prevent the creation of thousands of new jobs and deny the region a major economic development that would complement Glendale's Sports and Entertainment District. Construction of this facility has been underway for more than six months and is scheduled to be completed later this year.

The Glendale City Council has taken action in support of the development, including opposing legislation that would halt the project and cause significant losses. Respectfully, the city of Glendale calls on Congress to consider the fiscal impacts of this legislation and the harm it may cause to the city of Glendale.

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